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Case No. 9793/95

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Elsenhans et al.

Serial No: 10/018,080

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR EXAMINING FLUIDS OF

**BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN** 

Examiner: Nguyen, Sang

Group Art Unit: 2877

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to th Sp cification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Application No. 10/018,080 Amendment of December 17, 2003 Reply to Office Action of July 17, 2003

Am ndments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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